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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages),
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages),
3. Copies of thirty-one (31) references,
4. Copy International Search Report from NL 1016551; and
5. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required. However, should there be any fees assessed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits the references listed on the enclosed PTO form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Submitted herewith is an English abstract of each of the following foreign language references, or portions thereof: DE 3538346, DE 3607824, DE 3917285, DE 19725269, DE 19834277, DE 19904126, FR 2353275, FR 2 478 462, FR 2674122, and NL 9202201. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report from Netherlands Patent No. NL 1016551, from which the above-referenced application claims priority.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103.

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